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1. The Conferees on the Supplemental Appropriations bill authorized \$3,000,000 for detail plans and specifications and \$2,500,000 to be used in connection with the taking of steps with regard to roads and other facilities if CIA goes to Langley. If CIA does not go to Langley, \$350,000 will be available for the purchase of a site. The Committee stated further that they were not designating any particular site "nor do they preclude the selection of any particular site." The original decision of the Conferees was to allow \$500,000 for the road work, and Mr. Hewitt of the Senate Committee staff conferred with me concerning appropriate language for this purpose. However, the matter was subsequently reopened by the Conferees and the \$500,000 figure raised to \$2,000,000. The main support and the fight for CIA was led by Sen. Saltonstall, but we have not yet ascertained who reopened the matter to supply the additional \$2,000,000 for road construction.

2. Cong. Powell informs me that he is leaving Friday for Rome where he will await a call from Premier Nasser of Egypt to come to Cairo and subsequently to Jerusalem to try to arrange for the inclusion of Israel in the forthcoming Afro-Asian Conference. I have passed this information on to [redacted]

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3. I have informed [redacted] that [redacted] a local real estate agent with considerable embassy clientele, has been requested by the Soviet Embassy to find a large house for them in the Langley area. The two houses the Embassy was interested in are the Auchincloss house on this side of the Langley site and the Rosenbaum house above the junction of Routs 123 and 190. Both of these houses are large enough and secluded enough to meet the Soviet demands. However, both owners have turned down any proposal to sell. The Soviet request pre-dates Congressional action on the CIA building and does not seem to be tied into that move.

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